

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With the exception of many northeastern areas, New Mexico was dry for another week, pushing more locations closer to or further into drought conditions, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Reports from portions of the southwest continued to suggest forecasted rainfall has not materialized, and that pastures were unable to support livestock. Additionally, comments from Eddy County indicated that subsoil moisture was dry to approximately 12 feet. The largest moisture accumulation was reported at Pasamonte, where 1.13 inches fell. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 38 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 45 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 4 degrees above average. Daytime highs ranged from 68 degrees at Angel Fire to 101 degrees at Acme. Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell also reported high temperatures at 100 degrees. Overnight lows varied from 24 degrees at Angel Fire to 56 degrees at Santa Teresa. Winter wheat producers were harvesting their grain crop ahead of both last year and the 5-year average; however, a significant portion of the crop has been harvested for either hay or silage. With reports from Dona Ana County indicating that 15 percent of the onion crop had been harvested, overall condition was reported as 77 percent good to excellent, compared with 94 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 83 percent. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent moderate and 12 percent light. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 63 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	74	63	64	71
2 nd cutting harvested.....	22	10	3	11
Chile				
Emerged	87	82	85	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	69	57	76	74
Emerged	35	21	37	34
Cotton				
Planted.....	83	78	72	80
Emerged	41	34	61	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	59	48	45	40
Emerged	19	5	--	NA
Sorghum				
Planted.....	23	12	39	29
Emerged	2	--	--	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	8	2	3	1
Cows calved	95	93	100	NA
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	62	55	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	48	46	NA	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	19	18	10	42
Short	43	37	52	30
Adequate	38	44	37	27
Surplus	--	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	16	9	NA
Short	41	38	34	NA
Adequate	44	45	56	NA
Surplus	--	1	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair.....	19	22	47	35
Good	77	74	43	47
Excellent	3	3	8	13
Chile				
Very poor	--	--	5	NA
Poor.....	--	7	21	NA
Fair.....	56	53	16	NA
Good	32	30	35	NA
Excellent	12	10	23	NA
Onion				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	23	16	6	17
Good	61	68	50	47
Excellent	16	16	44	36
Pasture and range condition				
Very poor	8	7	2	30
Poor.....	21	16	17	25
Fair.....	40	43	48	26
Good	22	26	29	16
Excellent	9	8	4	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor	2	2	3	39
Poor.....	12	12	20	11
Fair.....	33	32	35	26
Good	50	50	40	16
Excellent	3	4	2	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	3	NA
Fair.....	44	35	36	NA
Good	48	55	53	NA
Excellent	5	7	6	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	7	9	13	NA
Poor.....	8	11	12	NA
Fair.....	21	17	18	NA
Good	63	62	55	NA
Excellent	1	1	2	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_05282017.pdf